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USIA 1. REACTION TO NEW DISCLOSURES ON CIA LIMITED THUS FAR TO FRONTPAGE

NSC PRESS PLAY, TWO EDITS. NO OFFICIAL REACTION, BUT NEWEST AIRING CIA

CIA ACTIONS WILL NO DOUBT REINFORCE ALREADY FIRMLY HELD NOTION HERE THAT

NSA US INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS ARE PERVAISVE. AFME REPORTS NO REPERCUSSIONS

DOD CONGRESS CULTURAL FREEDOM ALREADY DEAD DUCK FROM LAST YEAR'S

NEW YORK TIMES SERIES ON CIA.

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2. AFME CAIRO DIRECTOR JACKSON SIGLER SAYS HE BELIEVES INQUIRES FROM STUDENTS, PROFESSORS SEEKING SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE WILL FALL OFF TEMPORARILY, BUT ANTICIPATES NO PERMANENT HARM. "WE WILL SURVIVE," E SASS, UNLESS UARG LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST AFME.

3. CONGRESS CULTURAL FREEDOM. ALLEGED CIA CONNECTIONS ALREADY AIRED BY NY TIMES SERIES APRIL 1966, AND REJECTION HEWAR LITERARY PRIZI

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1965 BY EGYPTIAN SHORT STORY WRITER YOUSSEF YDKIS. HEWAR, WHICH IS LITERARY MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BEIRUT WITH ASSISTANCE CONGRESS CULTURAL FREEDOM, BANNED FROM UAR BY MINISTRY GUIDANCE JULY 1966, IN WAKE TIMES CIA SERIES.

4. PRESS. CIA STORY HAS BEEN PROMINENT FRONTPAGE MOST PAPERS EVERS DAY FEBRUARY 14-20. AHRAH FEBRUARY 20 EDIT SAYS INFILTRATION BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE NO DIFFERENT FROM TACTICS "SABOTAGE, CONSPIRACY, PLOTTING REACTIONARY COUPS, THEORIES OFPACTS" ALL OF WHICH OPPOSE INTERESTS LIBERATED NATIONS. AKHBAR'S PHILLIP CALLAB FEBRUARY 21 SAYS CONGRESSIONAL CONTROL CIA "WOULD TURN MIGHTY EMPIRE INTO MERE SECURIY APPARATUS", BUT JOB TOUGH. TURNING "EVERY US CITIZEN INTO CIA AGENT HAS LEFT NO ONE TO SAY ON".

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